

Anthony put to a test

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HERE'S A CHANCE to find out how much you know about the Susan B. Anthony dollar to be released tomorrow in banks throughout the country.

1. Anthony is the first "real woman" to appear on a coin minted (A) anywhere, (B) in the United States, or (C) for general circulation in the United States.

2. True or false: The small letters "FG" on the coin stand for the words "federal government."

3. Anthony dollars minted in Philadelphia carry a "P" mint mark. Why is that unusual?

4. Collectors are calling the new coin the "mini-dollar." In general, how big is it?

5. True or false: Anthony's name appears on the heads side of the coin, near the date.

6. The tails-side design shows an eagle landing on the moon. It (A) is symbolic of the Apollo 11 spacecraft christened "The Eagle," (B) was previously used on the Eisenhower dollar, (C) was designed by Frank Gasparro, or (D) all of the above.

7. The Anthony dollar succeeds a larger dollar coin depicting Dwight Eisenhower. Why was the Eisenhower dollar discontinued?

8. True or false: The Anthony dollar is the first U.S. coin with a distinctive 11-side inner border.

9. The change from the Eisenhower

dollar to the Anthony dollar represents (A) the first major size reduction of a U.S. coin since the 1-cent piece was shrunk substantially in 1856, (B) a major attempt by the federal government to reduce the demand for \$1 bills, or (C) the first new U.S. coin design since 1932.

10. True or false: Anthony was the near-unanimous choice of coin collectors, for the dollar's design.

ANSWERS:

1. (C) A few women have been depicted on U.S. commemorative coins, such as Queen Isabella of Spain on an 1893 quarter.

2. False. They are the initials of the coin's designer, Frank Gasparro.

3. With the exception of nickels minted during World War II, U.S. coins produced in Philadelphia have not had mint marks.

4. It's just slightly larger than a quarter and smaller than a half-dollar. Approximately three Anthony dollars weigh as much as four quarters.

5. False. As with other circulating U.S. coins, the name of the person honored is omitted.

6. (D)

7. The coin was not used because of its size and weight, and was expensive to make.

8. True.

9. (A) or (B)

10. False. Most collectors apparently favored the "stylized Liberty" design originally proposed by Gasparro.